

First Weekend of "Across the State Battle Against DWI" Yields 784 DWI Charges

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RALEIGH- "Booze It & Lose It" checkpoints held Aug. 22-28 as part of the Governor's Highway Safety Program "Across the State Battle Against DWI" removed more than 1,100 impaired drivers from North Carolina roads and led to the capture of 24 fugitives from justice throughout the state.

"State and local law enforcement officers worked hard throughout the week to remove impaired drivers from our roads," said Darrell Jernigan, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "Thanks to their efforts, lives are being saved on our highways."

Officers held more than 2,700 checkpoints and patrols statewide during the second week of this season's campaign, "Across the State Battle Against DWI." Charges against fugitives ranged from simple probation violations to felonies for manufacturing crack cocaine and vehicle larceny. In addition, 4,232 occupant restraint charges, 25,358 other traffic violations and 1,687 criminal violations were issued.

DWI violations were highest in Pitt County, where 84 drivers were charged. Drivers in Mecklenburg County were charged with 83 DWI violations and 56 drivers in Wake County were also charged.

Aug. 22-28 marks the second week of "Across the State Battle Against DWI," the fall "Booze It & Lose It" campaign. Total DWI charges during the first week reached nearly 800. The campaign continued through the Labor Day weekend.

See below for statewide citation totals. For county-by-county data, visit our web page at:

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"Booze It & Lose It" Statewide Totals

	DWI	Occupant Protection		Traffic Violations		Criminal Violations		Totals	Other Offenses*	
Total Checkpoints and Patrols	Driving While Impaired Violations	Seat Belt Violations	Child Passenger Safety Violations	Speeding	Total Traffic Violations	Drug Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	Fugitives Arrested
1,403 (Aug. 19-21)	784	2,564	338	7,176	16,379	292	835	20,900	23	6

*These columns are not counted into overall total of violations.
Data compiled by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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